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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO Forms SB/08A submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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